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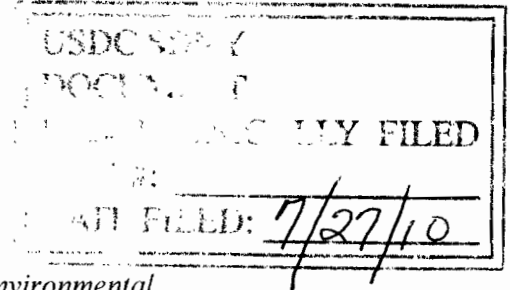
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Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1620
New York, NY 10007-1316



In re: MTBE, MDL No. 1358; *New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection et al. v. Atlantic Richfield Company, et al.*, 08 CIV. 00312 (SAS)
Focus Sites Selection

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

Although the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection did not initially seek an extension of the time to designate focus sites in the above case (and in fact opposed defendants' requested extension), in light of your order granting defendants an extension until August 6, 2010, plaintiffs request an equivalent extension, so that both parties will disclose their focus sites selections on August 6, 2010. To require plaintiffs to disclose their focus sites five days prior to defendants' disclosure would, in our view, give defendants an unfair advantage in the site selection process.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All Counsel via LNF&S

SO ORDERED

Shira Scheindlin
United States District Court

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